

June 16, 2006

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SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF INITIAL OPERATOR LICENSE RE-TAKE EXAMINATION:
FERMI POWER PLANT, UNIT 2

Dear Mr. Cobb:

In a letter dated June 12, 2006, (Serial No. 06-0046), your staff requested we schedule an initial license operator examination on August 3, 2006. In a subsequent telephone conversation on June 13, 2006, between Mr. T. Haran, Supervisor, Nuclear Training, and Mr. M. Bielby, Senior Operations Engineer, arrangements were finalized for the administration of a written re-take operator examination for two license applicants who failed the written examination during the initial licensed operator examination administered during the month of March 2006. The requested examination has been scheduled to be administered during the week of August 8, 2006. In the unlikely event that we are unable to support the examination during the scheduled week, we will inform you immediately upon discovery of such conditions and make arrangements to administer the examination at a mutually acceptable date.

As agreed during the telephone conversation, your staff will develop the re-take written examination based on the guidelines in Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors." Please inform us at your earliest opportunity if you discover you need to change the scheduled examination date.

To meet the above schedule, it will be necessary for your staff to furnish the examination outline during the week of June 19, 2006. The written examination and the supporting reference materials identified in Attachment 2 to ES-201 will be due to the chief examiner by July 5, 2006. Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.40(b)(3), of the Code of Federal Regulations, an authorized representative of the facility licensee shall approve the outline and written examination before they are submitted to the NRC for review and approval. All materials shall be complete and ready to use. We request that any personal, proprietary, sensitive unclassified, or safeguards information in your response be contained in a separate enclosure and appropriately marked. Any delay in receiving the required examination and reference materials, or the submittal of inadequate or incomplete materials, may cause the examination to be rescheduled. The chief examiner (K. Walton) will contact the examination author via telephone with any requested examination modifications after the regional review of the examination is completed. The chief examiner will then be available in the region during the week of July 31, 2006, to review any requested changes and to complete validation of the proposed examination. Appendix E of

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Mr. Haran has been advised of the policies and guidelines referenced in this letter. If you have any questions regarding the NRC's examination procedures and guidelines, please contact Mr. Keith Walton at (630) 829-9836, or me at (630) 829-9707.

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